

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Ban on Using Mobile Phone in Aircrafts

3115. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that using a mobile phone is banned in the aircraft when the fasten your seat belt indication sign is on;

(b) if so, whether any incident violating this ban during the month of May, 2000 had been noticed; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In May, 2000 no incident of violation of these guidelines has been reported.

Cancellation of IA IC-540 Flight

3116. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 12th July, 2000 IC-540 IA flight was cancelled and passengers complained of shabby treatment on the part of the Airline staff;

(b) the reasons for the Airline staff lacking the courtesy in contrast to other Airlines; and

(c) the reasons for not fumigating the Aeroplane before allowing passengers to enter to prevent such avoidable situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Flight IC-540 of 12.7.2000 was rescheduled to operate on 13th July, 2000 with ETD as 0730 hours. The passengers of the flight were extended necessary assistance/facilitation and were looked after by Indian Airlines.

(c) Fumigation of the aircraft is not done prior to each flight. As

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soon as rat was observed on the aircraft, aircraft was fumigated prior to offering for the next flight to ensure safe operation of aircraft.

Norms for Procurement of Aircrafts

3117. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have floated tenders for the procurement of more modern and younger aircrafts on lease to meet its immediate needs;

(b) if so, the details of the requirements and the response received from various sources; and

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the leasing companies are averse to tenders and are keen on on-the-spot decisions; if so, the views of Government on this aspect?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Both Air India and Indian Airlines are planning to take few aircraft on dry lease. Quotation received from various parties would need to be examined and evaluated before the recommendations are put up to the Board of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines Limited.

Black Box of Crashed Alliance Aircraft

3118. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not disclosing the contents of Black Box as it is now more than three weeks after the plane crash took place at Patna;

(b) the reasons for disclosing of contents being withheld for so long; and

(c) the details of the contents and the lessons learnt therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The black box of Boeing 737 aircraft of Alliance Air which was involved in an accident near Patna airport on 17th